

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Property Name: Beall High School Inventory Number: AL-VII-A-007
Address: 30 Washington Street Historic district: yes ☒ X no
City: Frostburg Zip Code: _____ County: Allegany
USGS Quadrangle(s): Frostburg
Property Owner: Allegany County Board of Education Tax Account ID Number: _____
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: _____
Project: USDA-Rural Development Funded Demolition and New School Agency: USDA
Agency Prepared By: MHT
Preparer's Name: C. Andrew Lewis Date Prepared: 7/20/2004
Documentation is presented in: MHT Library
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: _____ Eligibility recommended ☒ X Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: _____ yes Listed: _____ yes
Site visit by MHT Staff _____ yes _____ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

According to a MIHP Form completed in 1975 for this resource, the Beall High School is a Modernistic masonry structure that was built in 1941. The building was designed by an architect from Cumberland Maryland named Robert Holt Hitchins and it represents an architectural style not commonly found in Allegany County.

However, a September 3, 2003 feasibility study completed by Bushey, Feight, Morin Architects of Hagerstown, Maryland, includes photographs and information which establish that the building has been significantly altered over time. These alterations include two new additions constructed in the late 1960s and 1980s; the removal of the front glass block windows from the central four-story tower; the removal and resizing of windows on the sides of the tower; the construction of a small stair tower to the left of the central tower on the front of the building; the installation of ADA ramps; significant alterations to the building's interior spaces; and a brick veneer which was applied to significant portions of the building's exterior.

Although the Beall High School does retain its basic original form, the alterations listed above have collectively altered the appearance of the building to such a degree that it no longer retains sufficient integrity to qualify for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended ☒ X
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments:

C. Andrew Lewis ✓

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Reviewer, National Register Program

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Date

7/20/04
Date

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Beall High School				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Beall High School Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Frostburg				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Allegany		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment				
<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum				
<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____				
<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Allegany County Board of Education				
STREET AND NUMBER: 108 Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Allegany County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: 30 Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 183-308 368-476				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located on the southerly side of Beall High School Road, the building stands to the south of East Main Street (U.S. Route 40), near the intersection of Maryland Route 36, in Frostburg, Allegany County.

Beall High School is a 1941 Modernistic ^{Art Deco} masonry structure that consists basically of a long low rectangular block with semi-circular appendages at the east and west ends and a tall rectangular shaft rising out of the middle. The principal facade has a series of ten rectangular window-like openings flanking each side of the central shaft. The center portion has a tall window arrangement extending above the doorway to several feet below the top. The end appendages are bonded by a stripe of window-like openings.

The building appears to retain much of its original features although alterations have been made to the interior and extensions added to the back and west sides.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☒ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c. 1941

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Beall High School in Frostburg is a Modernistic ^{-Art Deco} masonry structure that was built in 1941. It was designed by Robert Holt Hitchins, a Cumberland architect who also designed the Cumberland Post Office on Pershing Street. The architectural plans are dated 15 April 1939. An addition was built in 1945 and a major extension of the facilities was erected in 1971.

The building represents an architectural style not commonly found in Allegany. While dominantly rectilinear in feel, the horizontaility probably reflects the influence that the Art Deco style had on the otherwise verticle Modernistic form.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Courthouse, Cumberland, MD.

Architectural Drawings, Board of Education Offices, Cumberland, MD.

Allegany County Board of Education Records.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

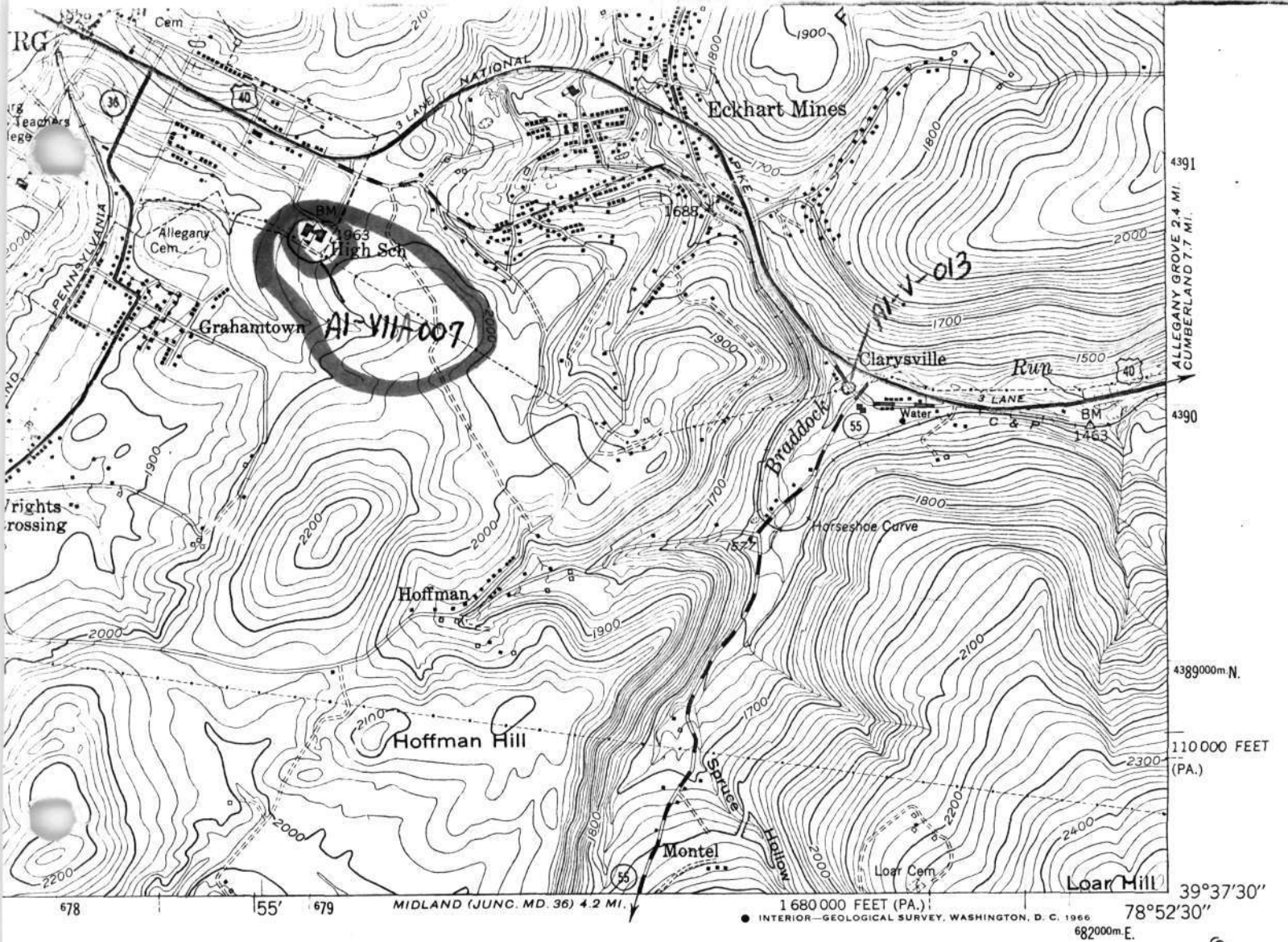
NAME AND TITLE:	
Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Site Survey	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc.	4/11/75
STREET AND NUMBER:	
Algonquin Motor Inn, Suite 510	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE
Cumberland	Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____



Site No: AI-VII-007
Beall High School
Beall High School Road

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	4 LANE 6 LANE	Light duty
Medium-duty	4 LANE 6 LANE	Unimproved dirt
U. S. Route		State Route

FROSTBURG, MD.-PA.
NW/4 FROSTBURG 15' QUADRANGLE
N3937.5-W7852.5/7.5

1949

AMS 5263 III NW-SERIES V833

STANDARDS
N. D. C. 20242
AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



Beall High School
Beall High School Road
Frostburg
Allegany Co., Md.
NE view
August, 1974

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RONALD L. ANDREWS



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Beall High School
Frostburg
Allegany Co., Md.
1924

built c. 1935

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